

--This application is a Continuation of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/378,221, filed on August 19, 1999, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE", which is a Continuation-In-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,530 and entitled, "METHOD FOR CONTROLLING COMPUTERS THROUGH A RADIO/TELEVISION COMMUNICATION HUB" (Atty Dkt No. PHL Y-24,398) filed on September 11, 1998, and is related to pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,471 entitled, "METHOD FOR INTERFACING SCANNED PRODUCT INFORMATION WITH A SOURCE FOR THE PRODUCT OVER A GLOBAL NETWORK" (Atty Dkt No. PHL Y-24,397) filed on September 11, 1998.--

IN THE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the entire Summary of the Invention in the present application, and insert therefor:

--The present invention disclosed and claimed herein, in one aspect thereof, comprises a method for obtaining information regarding the source of a product from a remote information source location on a global communication network utilizing a product code associated with the product and unique thereto. The product code associated with the product is scanned with a scanner at a user location on the global communication network to extract the information contained in the unique product code therefrom. A unique scan ID code is associated with the scanning operation and a packet of information assembled that is comprised of the extracted product code and the unique scan ID code to provide a routing packet. The user location is then connected to the remote information source location utilizing the routing packet and in response to the step of scanning, wherein the routing packet is representative of the location of the remote information source location on the global communication